Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gaye Van Epps has dedicated the past 32 years to serving the health and nutritional needs of South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, Gaye started her career in 1972 with the school lunch program in Pierre, South Dakota, transferring to WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) in 1979 as a "Girl Friday"; and,

Whereas, In 1987, when WIC became a state-operated program, Gaye became a nutrition aide, completing certifications, taking weights and measures, and issuing vouchers; and,

Whereas, Gaye became the retailer coordinator for the WIC program in 1989, a position she has held for the past 15 years, working with many different authorized WIC stores, traveling every road east of the Missouri River to provide training to retailers on accepting WIC vouchers and to monitor investigations; and,

Whereas, Gaye was a valued member of the WIC management team, providing a wealth of information on acceptable foods, orientation and training, participant surveys, program misuse, and quality assurance; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Gaye for her years of dedicated service; and,

Whereas, Gaye's colleagues will gather to honor her on June 4, 2004, in advance of her June 8, 2004, retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2004, as

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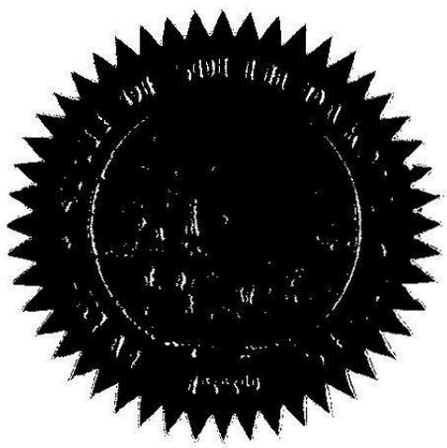
in South Dakota, and I join with her family and friends in wishing her well in her retirement and thanking her for her service.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State